

## Jugo-Slavia Denies Charge of Breaking League's Covenant

### Questions Application of Economic Blockade and Attacks Allied Decision Fixing Albanian Frontier

PARIS, Nov. 17 (By The Associated Press).—Jugo-Slavia to-day pleaded not guilty to the charge of covenant breaking before the Council of the League of Nations, which is in session here to examine charges that Jugo-Slavian troops have invaded Albanian territory, contrary to the terms of the covenant of the League of Nations.

This plea was entered after Herbert A. L. Fisher, member of the Council for Great Britain, had produced evidence contained in Serbian newspapers that Jugo-Slavian troops were well inside the line of demarcation fixed by General Franchet d'Esperey, which was to have stood until the Albanian frontiers had been definitely fixed by the Allied authorities. Mr. Fisher also cited evidence from the British Consul at Tirana confirming the Albanian accusation that Jugo-Slavian troops had burned more than 150 Albanian villages, rendering 40,000 persons homeless and driving off large numbers of livestock.

Mata Boekhovitch, replying to the charges for Jugo-Slavia, not only contested the facts as reported, but also questioned the application of the economic blockade to such a case. Jugo-Slavia, he said, was accused of not fulfilling her obligations, whereas the blockade could be applied only when one nation declared war upon another. If his country were guilty as it had been accused, he added, the penalty

should be exclusion from the league, but not the application of the economic blockade. He questioned the conditions under which the Allied ambassadors had fixed the Albanian frontier, and said this should have been done by a treaty negotiated in due form, whereas the Jugo-Slavs had not had an opportunity of negotiating such a treaty. Moreover, he declared, the Council of Ambassadors was not representative of all the Allied and Associated powers, but of the Allies alone.

Mr. Fisher told the Council that Great Britain was preparing to negotiate a treaty with Prince Faisal, King of the Irak region of Mesopotamia, defining the relations of the British government as mandatory power to the new kingdom.

#### Boston Entertains Jacques

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—Baron Alphonse Jacques, of the Belgian army, was a guest of Boston to-day. A committee of officials escorted him to the State House and City Hall, where he was received by Governor Cox and Mayor Peters. Later he visited Harvard. To-night he was the guest of the city at a banquet.

#### Fech Decorates Gen. Babbitt

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